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Morrison receives national medal

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

About the only thing that matches Scotty Morrison's smile is his enormous heart.

With more than 100 family members and friends looking on, Morrison's commitment to volunteering in the Haliburton Highlands was acknowledged when he was awarded the federal government's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers decided by the Governor General on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey presented the pin to an emotionally touched Morrison, who was surprised by the scale of the event and the praise he was showered with.

"It was a light night and a very emotional one for [everyone and] obviously for myself. I had 17 of my kids and grandkids there. It was a very humble evening. No question about that," he said.

Standing at the podium, the proud Highlander and former president and chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame was gracious and did what he usually does in public, which is give others credit like the

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Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, left, presented Haliburton's Scotty Morrison with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. Nominations for the medal are submitted to the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, which is then decided by an advisory committee. TIM TOFFLEMIRE Special to the Echo

Highlands East reeve recovering from fall

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Dave Burton did not spend Christmas Day as he had planned.

The reeve of Highlands East was in hospital for surgery on Dec. 25 following a bad fall on Dec. 23.

Burton slipped on the ice, falling and landing on both knees, he said.

"I pulled the ligaments and all the quad

muscles off the knee caps on both legs," he said from Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay.

The reeve expects recovery to take a number of weeks, between his time in the hospital and rehab that will follow.

"There's no weight bearing, with both legs I can't do anything," said Burton. "It was terrible."

He plans to continue his work as reeve, with the help of his laptop, which will enable him to stay connected.

"I'm still available, I'm just not hands on."

Burton said the hope is to get him back to Haliburton soon. He has had family by his side in the hospital.

The reeve said he has been getting good care and is determined to get back on his feet.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge will be filling in for Burton during his recovery time and said she is up for the chal-

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Sovereign's medal awards sustained unpaid work

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Highlands community and Hockey Hall of Fame director and corporate media relations Kelly Masse, who was his secretary for years.

His volunteering includes working tirelessly for the past hockey tournament named after him, the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament; sitting on various committees, which includes his involvement with the successful Highlands Christmas Shindig and serving on the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation board.

The hockey tournament, he said, is a great example of what is possible. It helped to raise more than \$200,000 net in seven years for Community Care Haliburton County.

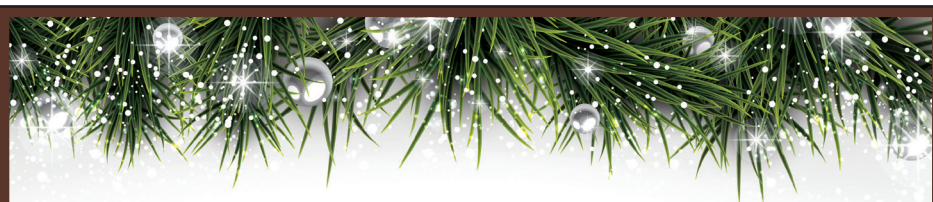
"That just shows you how important volunteering is and how important a community like Haliburton County is when they see something that is really going to help the entire community," he said.

The Governor General's website said Canadian citizens are eligible for the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. They must have provided a "significant, sustained and unpaid contributions to their community in Canada or abroad. Candidates must have demonstrated an exemplary commitment through their dedicated volunteerism. Non-Canadians are also eligible if their contributions have brought benefit or honour to Canadians or to Canada."

The Medal for Volunteers, which was formerly known as the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, started in 1995 by then-Governor General Roméo LeBlanc.



Haliburton's Scotty Morrison, right of the Stanley Cup, stands with his family after receiving his Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. Nominations for the medal are submitted to the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, which is then decided by an advisory committee. TIM TOFFLEMIRE Special to the Echo



Thank you to all of our customers and fellow business owners for your support over the years.

We have made the decision to retire. We will be closing the Haliburton store on Highland Street Saturday, January 28th, 2017.

All of the store inventory is now on sale at greatly reduced prices for quick clearance. Store hours are Wednesday to Friday 10 to 4, Saturday 10 to 3.

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According to the website, this two-sided circular medal measures 36 millimetres in diameter with a suspension ring, held on by a ribbon that features the vice-regal colours of blue and gold. The gold stripes that run the length of the ribbon represent fingers of a hand, present in the Caring Canadian Award emblem, while the deep red colour is associated with royalty, in accordance with the Governor General's website.

On one side is the profile of Queen Elizabeth, circumscribed by the Canadian royal title "Elizabeth II Dei Gratia Regina" in upper case letters while at the bottom is the word "Canada," separated by two leaves.

The other side features two interlaced hearts – one larger and one on the inside, half the size. It is topped by a crown. There is a sunburst design on the outside to symbolize the time and actions given by the volunteers.

Old friends like hall of fame inductee Jim Gregory were among a long list of hockey luminaries who came to honour the man so well known for his benevolence.

This also included dignitaries such as MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott, former MP and retired OPP commissioner

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— Scotty Morrison

Julian Fantino. Even the Stanley Cup and its well-known minder Phil Pritchard were there.

Fearrey helped lead an effort with a committee of Annette Richardson, Brigitte Gebauer, Doug and Ruth Mitchell and their son Kelly Mitchell. Fearrey had spoken to Morrison close to a month before about this recognition. The event was scheduled between Christmas Day and New Year's Day so it would allow Morrison's family to be available. At first, Morrison just wanted to do it in Fearrey's office without anyone else.

"No, it's a little more than that, Scotty," Fearrey said.

When asked if there was a ruse to get him to show up, Morrison said, "I was just told to show up and shut up."

Deputy-reeve Partridge to step in during Burton's absence

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lenge.

A councillor for the past 18 years, including being reeve of Cardiff township prior to amalgamation, Partridge has a good understanding of what is involved.

"I'm quite up for the task," she said. "People are being directed to call me."

Partridge said she and Burton have a good working relationship and communicate regularly, which will continue.

"I think everything should go well," she said.

4Cs honours longtime board director and volunteer

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Murray Tripp has been on both sides of the food bank in Haliburton.

Born and raised in Haliburton County, Tripp is approaching his 85th birthday and has spent the past 25 of those years volunteering and serving on the board of directors for the 4Cs.

This fall, Tripp decided to retire from the organization due to health concerns, but was made an honorary director by board chairman David Ogilvie.

Born in Donald, Tripp attended Eagle Lake school until Grade 4, and then decided to start making his mark on the world.

"I didn't go far [in school] ... but I had good teachers," he said.

Tripp worked for many years as a driver for different Haliburton companies and for 37 years for the government in Toronto doing building and maintenance work.

He married his wife, June, when he was in his early 20s and recently the pair celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

"She's the best woman I ever met or ever will meet," he said. "I've never seen a woman that can compete with her."

The couple have five children and times were not always easy for the family, with Tripp turning to the food bank for assistance.

"I went on welfare ... and I went and got a [food] voucher from the municipality. It really hurt. I said if I ever got to the position where I can help somebody, I will help them."

Looking back over the past quarter century, Tripp has seen many changes at the local food bank, including directors come and go and locations change.

He remembers when the idea to build a sustainable building for the 4Cs was first hatched.

Tripp has stayed involved with the local organization for all these years because of the people he sees coming through the doors.

"We have the best clientele going," he said. "If you've got what you've got, and you have the ability to help those people, you help them out."

Apart from the food bank, Tripp has also volunteered at Extendicare and with breakfast programs in Toronto when he worked there.

"I only do what the Lord wants me to do," he said. "He's directed me in all my ways."

Tripp now has 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and loves his life in Haliburton.

"I've had a heck of a good life, I love it here," he said.

Staying on with the 4Cs allows Tripp to still get his two cents in, something that's easy for him to do. Tripp says he's been volunteering at the 4Cs alongside the best crew of people you'll ever meet.

Board chairman of the 4Cs for the past three years, Ogilvie has appreciated all of Tripp's wisdom and dedication to the organization.

"It's hard not to love Murray," said Ogilvie. "Just his



Longtime volunteer and former director of the 4Cs, Murray Tripp, left, was thanked for his commitment and passion for the organization by board chairman David Ogilvie and other volunteers and directors. Tripp spent 25 years with the 4Cs and has been named an honorary director. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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It's hard not to appreciate what Murray's done. He sets a pretty high example of what we should all be doing.

— David Ogilvie

gentle spirit.”

The chairman points to Tripp's love of people and love of the Lord as qualities that stand out.

"Most people who have the reasons Murray's got to not be here, wouldn't be here ... that goes back to why he's an honorary director. He doesn't have to do stuff but he's free to do as much as he can. For us it's just great."

In October the board members and volunteers showed their love for Tripp by presenting him with a frame inscribed with well wishes and messages of support and thanks.

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Kosy Korner restaurant for sale

JENN WATT

Editor

One of Haliburton's most iconic restaurants is up for sale.

The Kosy Korner, owned by Ann and Alan Gordon, was listed with Trophy Property Corp. on Dec. 21.

The decision was part of the five-year plan for the business, said Ann, who bought the restaurant from Janet and Jim Tice.

"I've owned it for five and a half years and I've done everything I want to do on it," she said in an interview with the *Echo*.

She said the staff at the Kosy will have no problem continuing the tradition the restaurant is known for.

The Kosy Korner was founded in 1935 in Haliburton Village and is the source of plenty of fond memories for local residents. It's a favourite with cottagers during the summer and the place many go to catch up with their neighbours.

Ann said that will continue as she intends to choose

the next owner carefully.

"It's got to be the right person. We've got great staff, great customers. I'm not going to ruin any of that. It's going to be sold to the right person and somebody who's going to carry on the tradition," she said.

Ann said she'd miss working at the restaurant, but she'll still be a regular fixture after the sale.

"I will [miss it] but I'm not moving anywhere so I'll be in there still getting my turkey clubs," she said.

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We've got great staff, great customers. I'm not going to ruin any of that.

— Ann Gordon

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Dysart welcomes public to sesquicentennial celebration

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Surrounded by articles and artifacts of Dysart's past in the Haliburton Highlands Museum, its director and Dysart 150 organizing committee member Kate Butler said she wants everyone to join her and Dysart in celebrating the community's sesquicentennial.

She said the museum's promoting this event because its role includes connecting and educating residents.

"It's really important to us to tell Dysart's story in any way we can and celebrate our local history. We've been working closely with other municipal staff and with members of council to co-ordinate this. It's just feels really important to me we take a lead role in this because it is part of our purpose and our mandate to celebrate Dysart's history and heritage," she said. "We need to be at the forefront at that."

One hundred fifty years to the day, on Jan. 7 at the A.J. LaRue Arena, Dysart is recognizing the sesquicentennial with a winter party that will provide entertainment, free skating and an insight into Haliburton's story with the debut of the *Dysart 150 – The Movie* produced by local history buff Kim Emmerson. Emmerson travelled to England as part of his research for the film, Butler said.

In 1861, a group of businessmen from

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— Kate Butler

England came together to buy a block of land from the Crown Lands Department of Canada, which sold the land to encourage settlement. They were led by Justice T.C. Haliburton and formed the Canadian Land and Emigration Company the following year. It promoted the sale of land in Ontario, mainly in what was to form Dysart et al.

Haliburton is named after the Canadian Land company's first CEO, Justice T.C. Haliburton. Unfortunately, he never visited the town named after him, as he died only a year after our village was established.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. and include games, activities and local food vendors such as Into the Blue Bakery, featuring home made pizza, Los Abuelos for its Mexican food and Abbey Gar-

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We wanted there to be something for everyone to take it in our whole community.

— Kate Butler

dens. Haliburton Highlands Brewing will showcase its signature beer for the event, Trapper's Ale, in the beer tent.

At 5:30 p.m. the event will have its official opening ceremony with speeches from local dignitaries and the showing of the movie. At 6:15, The Fire Guy will deliver some excitement with his "fire and light show" on the ice in the arena and outside. His show consists of fire eating, fire juggling and fire breathing. See fireguyshow.com for information.

A Dysart cake with the Dysart 150 logo will be cut to recognize the milestone. No one will go away empty handed, as more than 400 cupcakes will be given out.

For the night owls, the event includes a trivia night at the Haliburton Curling

Club from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The diverse offering of the event, which includes a jazz trio of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Adrien Petric, Cam Watson and Sage Christiano, brings something for everyone, Butler said.

"We wanted there to be something for everyone to take it in our whole community," she said.

Just before the late-afternoon event, Abbey Gardens is hosting a snowshoe or hike on their property. Snowshoes will be available to rent for \$10.

Butler said this summer Dysart will host another sesquicentennial event to take advantage of the warmer weather and include its seasonal residents, who are an important part of our community. It will celebrate the country's milestone as much as Dysart's.

Respecting Canada Day festivities by other communities such as Minden and West Guilford, this event will be held the weekend after on July 7 to 9. It will feature live music, outdoor activities, giveaways, and other special and unique attractions.

Having the summer sesquicentennial after Canada Day is ironic, considering Haliburton was incorporated earlier than our nation was founded.

With a smile, the museum director said, "we beat Canada by six months."

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Longtime dentist retires from VDO

John Purc, centre, spent his last day as a dentist providing dental care to low income residents of Haliburton County at the Volunteer Dental Outreach clinic in Haliburton on Monday, Dec. 19 with dental assistants Lynette Tighe, left, and Alana Bannister, who is also the clinic's manager. Purc retires after 46 years of work, which included his practice in Minden from 1970 to 2008. He has volunteered at the VDO since it started in 2011 and will look to downhill ski more in his spare time. The VDO has provided \$1,882,704 worth of dental service to the community. DARREN LUM Staff

Commercial tax rates unlikely to drop

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

It's unlikely that commercial and industrial tax rates in the townships of Haliburton County will be reduced any time soon.

County treasurer Elaine Taylor presented a report on the subject to councillors during a Dec. 14 meeting.

"County council formally asked staff to explore the possibility of reducing commercial and industrial taxes in the county and to determine the impact that reduction would have on the tax rates for other property classes for 2017," Taylor's report read.

Taylor told councillors the idea had been discussed at a municipal administration meeting, as well as on a conference call with treasurers of the county's townships.

She explained that local rates were compared with those of other townships in Eastern Ontario.

"Our tax rates are all in the 10th percentile; of 89 municipalities reviewed, we are in the lower nine," Taylor's report read. "Reducing our commercial and industrial tax rates is not likely to bring new commerce or industry to the county."

Taylor also told councillors that reducing commercial and industrial tax rates would also essentially amount to a large tax break for the provincial government.

"Closer examination of the commercial properties in the local municipalities, revealed that both Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al received significant payments in lieu from the Province of Ontario for assessments related to Algonquin Park," her report read. "Total payments to the municipalities from those sources in 2016 were approximately \$486,000. Reducing the commercial rate to that of the residential rate give the province tax saving of approximately \$152,000, while adding that burden to our residential property owners."

"What it substantiates is that we're in a very competitive environment," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

Several court appearances for accused murderer

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The man who has been accused with the first-degree murder of Bowmanville man David Palmer remains in jail, with his next court appearance scheduled for Dec. 29.

William Savage was charged with first degree murder on Oct. 26, 2016 in connection with the death of Palmer, a 47-year-old man whose remains were found in the Haliburton area in May, 2015.

From Fenelon Falls, Savage was remanded in custody in Lindsay following his arrest and has had several court appearances via video since. His last video appearance was on Dec. 8, with the matter being remanded to Dec. 29 for a speak to appearance, according to a representative from the Ministry of the Attorney General.

At the time of the arrest, OPP confirmed that Savage and Palmer were known to each other. Palmer was last seen on Oct. 2, 2015 outside of Pontypool and his vehicle was found on Oct. 14 near Spruce Lake Trail.



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Stories to watch

IN HALIBURTON COUNTY, 2016 offered a relatively even-keeled year, despite fireworks on the international stage. In most cases, challenges were met with creativity and tenacity by residents. Many of the year's biggest local stories give us a sense of what will capture our attention in the year to come. Here are a few of them.

Scotiabank to leave Wilberforce

– The countdown is on to the closure of the only bank branch in the hamlet of Wilberforce. The people there were understandably livid that Scotiabank would leave for Bancroft, taking the convenient services with it. The township promised to take its money elsewhere and a group called People Before Profits searched for an alternative, perhaps a credit union. This year will reveal whether those efforts bore fruit and how the community will cope with the nearest full service branch 27 kilometres away.

Palliative care suite underway

– A much-needed service in the community, the expansion of Haliburton hospital's capacity to deliver end-of-life care is finally underway. Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation has done well to raise nearly all of the dollars necessary, but learned when the paperwork came in that more would be needed. (Donations would surely be appreciated.) This project started in December will continue to be a story in the year to come as strides are made yet again for our local health-care system.

Transportation – The quiet work of many came together in 2016 with the Ride Share website up and running and a recent transportation summit organized by a passionate crew. While there is no concrete plan (yet) for how to get the county moving, the fact that there is no public transit system will continue to hobble local residents in everything from shopping to medical appointments.

Pinestone changes – It's been a whirlwind year at Pinestone with the new ownership, the Aurora Hotel Group, making plenty of changes. Last year, they announced they had purchased Wigamog Inn, which has been sitting empty for years on the shore of Kashagawigamog. No word yet on the fate of the building or plans. Perhaps 2017 will tell. (The Aurora group also owns the old garage on 21, which is soon to transform into A&W – another change on the horizon this year.)

Haliburton Forest – The huge outdoors business at the north reaches of Haliburton County gave us plenty to think about this year. From the dispute between the Forest and Dysart et al over building permits to the cancellation of the Forest Festival last summer to the biochar facility application making its way through formal processes, the Forest was one of the local newsmakers in the Highlands of 2016. This year promises more with ongoing discussion of biochar, the return of the Forest Festival and the exciting first-time appearance of the Winter Sleddog World Championship Jan. 24 to Feb. 1.

Dogsledding – Besides Haliburton Forest's big race, this year we will also be cheering on Winterdance's Logan McCready-DeBruin as he competes in the Junior Iditarod Feb. 25. Along with the local dogsled derby, we're all going to be armchair mushers by the time this year is through.

Looking forward
Expect 2017 to bring plenty of our past to the fore. Not only is 2017 the sesquicentennial of Canada, Dysart et al is celebrating the same birthday. This weekend the municipality has a special party planned (see story on page 4) with another bash in the works for this summer.



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Editorial

Celebrate 2017

January always brings new opportunities. Would you like to be more fit, eat healthier, have more leisure time, and perhaps even a career change? Anything and everything seems achievable in our dreams and wishes. Now is the time to put your thoughts into action. How, you ask? Write out a plan.

So you might be curious as to why I am have started this column from the Haliburton Village BIA with the previous paragraph. In business, just like our personal lives, forward action only happens when we have a plan. A plan allows us to set a path and plot our progress, and assess our momentum. Your Haliburton Village BIA is setting the plan for our 2017 activities. We are committed to increasing the profile of our member businesses and actively contributing to the welfare of our community.

Your local BIA is an important group that works together to promote local business initiatives, works with the municipality on various committees, partners with local service groups and charities to help make our community better, and supports each other to be successful. Your BIA is made up of retail businesses, hospitality and restaurant businesses, and professional service businesses, for example, real estate, financial services, legal practices, insurance businesses, just to name a few. Your support of local business allows them to hire employees, support local charities and most importantly, earn a fair wage so they can support their families.

As this New Year begins, please think about where your money

makes a difference. By purchasing products and services locally you are supporting donations to sporting teams, you are supporting community festivals, you are supporting cultural activities, and most importantly, you are supporting the economic stability of our village.

This year we will all celebrate the 150th birthday of Canada and the 150th birthday of Haliburton. Please come out and support your friends and neighbours that have volunteered to put on celebratory events. It is amazing to see all of the events that have been locally organized ... and it all starts Jan. 7 with the Haliburton Highlands Museum celebrating the 150th birthday of Dysart et al, with family fun events running all day at the A.J. LaRue Arena. There will be indoor and outdoor activities starting at 4 p.m., so please join in the fun.

Lastly, in the spirit of "planning," please check that all of your business and household exits are completely cleared of all snow. It is important that everyone can enter and exit in the event of an emergency. Also, when parking your vehicle on the street, please ensure that when you open your car door that another vehicle will not hit it as it drives by. Snowbanks narrow our streets, so we must all be aware of this potential hazard.

It is an absolute pleasure to be able to share information with you. Your comments are always welcome and encouraged. Please email haliburtonbia@mail.com with your thoughts.

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Before I could look up to say "thanks" Jenn was inside on the couch, reading a book and drinking a warm cup of tea.

Suffice it to say, igloo making is not her favourite pastime.

The igloo in question was initially my daughter Carmen's idea. Like all 17-year-olds, she wanted something new and exciting to take a selfie in front of. She also thought it might be fun to build it so that she and her friends might experience the best type of winter camping there is – the type that occurs less than 30 feet away from the front door of a warm house.

Carmen and I outlined the igloo's eight-foot radius and laid three courses of blocks. Had she been as tall as me, we could have put a roof on it then and there. But, alas, she is not. So we called it a day and decided to get back to it in the morning.

Unfortunately, the packing snow turned powdery that night and the first of many construction delays began – including Carm's complete loss of interest.

That brings us to the point where this story began. Just prior to that, I heard Jenn tell Carmen that she would provide humanitarian assistance to a mysterious "mentally challenged" person they both knew.

I guess that must have fallen through though because she decided to help me instead.

I won't lie to you, it took some convincing.

I began with the good neighbour argument.

"You know the neighbours are probably worried that this incomplete structure is going bring down property values. We need to finish it before they both start a petition," I said.

"Look," she countered, "if your shirtless sunbathing habits haven't already brought down property values, nothing will."

She had a point. In fact, my shirtless habits have actually improved property values by dramatically reducing traffic flow on our street during the summer months – except for that one time when a group of out of province Sasquatch hunters were following up on a Facebook lead.

Regardless, it became clear that a more sophisticated case needed to be made. Despite the small images on her cellphone Jenn is a big picture type of person.

"Well, then, what about my legacy?" I asked.

"You mean as the village idiot?" she said. "I think that's secure."

"No," I snapped. "I mean, if we build this igloo correctly, it could stand for 1,000 years or more as a poignant monument to one man's efforts to defeat winter boredom!"

"You know that snow melts, right?" she asked.

"Unless an ice age begins by March," I replied.

"Let's go with the initial legacy I was referring to," she said.

She was just about to walk away when I made my final plea.

"Listen," I said. "I know why you don't want to help. Building this igloo isn't going to be easy – especially the basement and fireplace. And I'm sure you're aware that long after we finish the exterior I'll probably have to spend every waking hour out there working on the interior..."

"Every waking hour?" she said, while concealing her sorrow with what can only be described as happy dancing.

"Yes," I apologized, "but you are welcome to visit."

"Let's finish it first and talk about that later," she snapped.

Unfortunately, the snow is powdery again. Jenn checks a lot.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This week's photo is from the *Echo's* archives. The original caption reads: "This week's photo shows Oswald Gliddon in 1928 standing beside the 1927 model Chev which was his first car. The picture was taken on the road into Haliburton Village, near the present Silver Maple Motel." Originally submitted by Bill Gliddon of Haliburton

letters to the editor

2016 goes out with a bang for local army cadet

On Thursday, Dec. 22, local Army Cadets attended their last official training function in 2016. Ten cadets participated in an Air Rifle Range Night at the Haliburton Branch 129 Royal Canadian Legion, followed by a pizza party to celebrate prior to Christmas season stand-down. Marksmanship training is one of the mandates of the Canadian Cadet Movement and our local cadets hold several practice sessions per month as they prepare for the Zone 18 Air Rifle Marksmanship Competition to be held in Peterborough in February, 2017. Each time cadets practice they have opportunity to earn a marksmanship badge, of which there are four levels.

Besides local headquarters training on Tuesday nights, local cadets can participate in orienteering,

marksmanship and biathlon programs. We also hold regular sports nights where the cadets participate in team games and have opportunity to complete the cadet fitness testing. There are four levels of fitness badges that can be earned.

The next training night will be Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion upstairs banquet hall. We meet every Tuesday while school is in session.

Any young person aged 12 to 18 may join, at any time, throughout the training year. We welcome any young people who are interested in a challenge, enjoy a team setting, would like to learn to be a leader and have some fun at the same time.

Submitted

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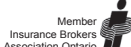
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Turning the page to 2017

Ya know, 2017 isn't even here yet and already there seems to be something old about it. Oh. It's ME! Yes, the world turns a whole year older and so does ol' Maybelle! So in this upcoming New Year, my next birthday cake will have one candle on it for every year of my life ... and one heavy-duty fire extinguisher at the ready.

As for my New Year's resolutions ... Why, my list is going to be more about New Year's "Intentions." Things I INTEND to do ... good things, positive things, life supporting things that ol' Maybelle will, hopefully, look back on and smile ... with or without my dentures, don'tcha know.

Because to me, intentions are fresh, new, energetic ideas – choices, if you will – a roadmap that's clear of confusing signposts that leave you doubtful about where you can park long enough to just catch your breath and eat a protein bar.

"Resolutions" on the other hand, have got you keeping one foot stuck in what didn't work last year or maybe for a whole whack of years. You know, stuff that can make your beverage of choice – Gravel.

Like for some folks, it's quitting smoking. Regardless of what they've resolved to change every New Year since forever, that tobacco wand just keeps popping back in their hands.

Now if your New Year's resolution happens to be: I will stop smoking this year ... and there's a part of you that really doesn't WANT to stop, well, that's going to be like pushing a mule up Mt. Everest.

But if your "intention" is: I will be extremely healthy in 2017 ... and if you mean it ... if that becomes your mantra, something you keep repeating to yourself ... then you're not fighting your mind about the smoking issue because you're too busy focusing on everything that you put into your body that needs to be good for you. Natch, cigarettes will not come up on your "healthy" radar system.

Same goes for losing weight. If your New Year's resolution to lose X amount of pounds changes to an intention to be healthy and strong ... guess where all those sugary buns and heavy starches are going to go?

(That is if you accept that sugar and starches are not healthy for you). Why, they'll probably stay on the grocery store shelves and not around your waist!

If you've got some salt around the house, take a grain of it right now, 'cause ol' Maybelle is not purporting to be a smarty-pants. Nooooo. I'm just sharing what has worked for me and thinking maybe a slight shift of thinking might work for you, too.

As for MY New Year's Intentions ... at the top of the list: I intend to be a much better listener. 'Cause truth be told, I sometimes find myself interrupting Twindle, or Vilma, or ... well, not Beanpole ... he's forever interrupting ME! Which has made ol' Maybelle more aware of when I'm doing it. So, that's No. 1 on my list.

No. 2: I intend to go through my closets and give away all the clothes that I NEVER wear. Why those poor things are not only bored collecting dust in there ... they're going through an identity crisis.

No. 3: I intend to be much sillier in 2017. Because being silly helps me balance the seriousness of life. Yep, as soon as ol' Maybelle recognizes more challenges on the global

highway ... out come the balloons, clown noses and theme parties for eight-year-old 80-year-olds.

Nos. 4 to 10 on my list are all the same. I intend to spend more time outside in nature – the cure for what ails you ... OK, me.

So, the countdown begins. In just four days this about-to-be-sillier gal will be getting together with my good friends to help bring it all in. Ring it all in. Sing it all in.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,

And never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,

And days o' lang syne!

To you, dear reader, from ol' Maybelle, my pet bear, Bogart, and all the folks in Lake Whaddathinklmean ... we wish you a very happy, healthy New Year, and a light that shines so brightly in your eyes ... you'll never need a flashlight again!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com.

Maybelle's



Fireside stories



Drumming the night away

Joseph Truss gets the crowd going at the Halibana drumathon held at Rails End Gallery. The all night event included the Abbey North Drummers and anyone who wanted to join in. The event raised approximately \$1,000 for next year's Halibana, a drum festival to take place in Head Lake Park. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Ella Higgins gets a beat going at the inaugural Halibana Drumathon, held on the solstice, Dec. 21 to 22 in Haliburton. Marking the shortest day of the year, the drumming event began at 4:30 p.m. and went to 6 a.m. at Rails End Gallery. People of all ages participated. The drumathon was a fundraiser for Halibana, a drum festival that takes place in Head Lake Park.



Drummers of all ages were moving to the beat at the inaugural Halibana Drumathon, held on the solstice in Haliburton. Marking the shortest day of the year, the drumming event began at 4:30 p.m. and went to 6 a.m. at Rails End Gallery.



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sports

Right, Red Hawks senior player Kyle Cooper drives along the baseline past a defender with the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons in Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 46-39. /DARREN LUM Staff

Below, Red Hawks senior player Sam Longo drives to the basket. Longo led the team with 11 points while Cooper scored seven points.



Falcons outpace Red Hawks in Haliburton

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There's a lot the senior Red Hawks can appreciate after a 46-39 loss to the visiting Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons in Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton, says assistant coach Dan Lapierre.

"Our team is full of hustlers. We hustle. We work hard. That's the key to it. The rest of it will fall into place," he said.

With the Falcons being so strong on the drive and on the perimeter, the Hawks were regularly tested defensively. The visitors had a balanced attack, which included three players scoring double

digits. Lapierre believes the team will improve on defence, doing a better job at helping one another and not leaving an opponent open if given a second chance against a team like the Falcons.

He appreciated the mindset of his players even if it factored into scoring chances for the opponents.

"They played aggressively. They just made too many turnovers. Half of it was because they were playing aggressively. They got to take it down a notch and control it a little bit more and they did that in spurts. That's part of the game," Lapierre said.

He counted at least four turnovers from trying to initiate the offence too soon when one of his players would try to dribble and run the floor before allowing the

Falcons' players to clear the zone.

Except for the first quarter, the Hawks never led and played from a deficit all game.

Hawks player Kyle Cooper's successful scoring drive with a little more than a minute left in the third quarter drew the red and white to within three points, 32-29 – their lowest deficit since the first.

The Falcons responded, as they did all game, with an 8-0 run, punctuated by a three-pointer buzzer beater to stretch the lead to 37-29 to end the third.

Haliburton didn't go away. True to character, as outlined by Lapierre, the team continued to work and had a strong half, but could not get the stops they needed for a sustained run to overcome the seven-point halftime deficit and win.

Both teams scored 21 in the second half.

Haliburton drops to 1-1 on the regular season and the Falcons improved to 1-2.

Senior Hawks rookie Sam Longo led the team with 11 points followed by Cooper with seven points, Sage Christiano and Collin Martin each with six points.

After the Hawks scheduled home opener against the Wildcats of I.E. Weldon was cancelled due to weather, the Falcons game became the home opener by default. This game has been scheduled for Monday, Jan. 23, starting at 3 p.m.

Lapierre wasn't worried and is confident in his team's potential.

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Red Hawks junior player Coleman Heaven saves the ball from going out of bounds in the first half against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton. Despite a 16-14 lead at the half, the Hawks were outpaced and lost 35-30./DARREN LUM Staff

Falcons spoil homecoming

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The junior Red Hawks won the half, but lost the game 35-30 to the visiting Falcons in Kawartha High School Basketball League action.

When the junior Hawks player Austin French scored on a drive to end the second quarter it had the partisan red and white crowd in hysterics on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton. The scoring layup gave the home team a two point lead 16-14 to enter the halftime break after being down 14-11 a few minutes earlier.

However the visitors from Fenelon Falls Secondary School were unperturbed, as they seemed to use the deficit as a catalyst in the third to get their first win of the league season. The Falcons came out scoring in the third. It took close to three minutes for them to score their first basket, but they piled on the baskets and went on a 13-0 run before Haliburton scored their first bucket of the second half. The Falcons won the quarter 15-4 and built what would become an insurmountable lead.

The red and white fought back and closed out the quarter strongly, winning it 10-6, but couldn't overcome the deficit built in the third.

Hawks head coach Gord Cochrane loved his team's effort and willingness to execute on the things he has taught them this season. With a league game and a tournament cancelled, the inexperienced team has sorely missed more action on the floor.

"It's difficult. The one thing that is heartening for me is I work with them on shooting reverse layups. I work with them on shooting hook shots. I work with them on shooting jump shots and so they are now doing those things," he said. "I told them: They don't have to go in at this point because it's a brand new shot for you and

you're just developing it. They're all improving and that's the main thing."

The main goal, he said, was to get everyone in the game and that's what happened.

Some players made the most of their opportunities.

With limited minutes, Hawks player Caden Little took full advantage of his few minutes in the fourth to score four points. Two of which were scored at the free throw line when the Hawks really needed to keep pace. His shots brought Haliburton to within four points late in the game. The Hawks couldn't get the stops they needed and that was as close as the juniors would get to tying.

Cochrane said 19 turnovers in the second half and taking too many fouls didn't help the cause to win their first game of the regular season (as of Wednesday morning, Dec. 21).

He adds even before the game started the roster had to be shuffled with four players absent for the game because of sickness. To add to the roster issues, two of his players fouled out in the fourth when the team was getting close to tying.

Despite the challenges, the team is showing progress, he said.

"They're improving. They're improving. They just need to play a lot more basketball because they're getting the idea and they haven't played enough. Many of these 10th graders didn't play last year," he said.

The situational challenges on the court become heightened without game experience.

"They're all working hard. They're trying hard and I can't ask for more than that," he said.

Hawks notes: Austin French and Steven Dudgeon led the Hawks with eight points.



Red Hawks junior guard Connor Swinson drives around a Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons defender in the first half during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton.



Red Hawks junior player Colby Lamshead gets off a reverse, evading a Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons defender in the second half during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton.



Red Hawks rising

Red Hawks junior player Steven Dudgeon rises above a Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons defender in the first half during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton. Despite a 16-14 lead at the half, the Hawks were outpaced and lost 35-30. The Hawks recovered on one their first game later in the week. / DARREN LUM Staff

Jr Red Hawks basketball team wins first game

On Dec. 21, the Red Hawks junior basketball team went to Peterborough to participate in two interlock series games. First they played Thomas A. Stewart Secondary (TASS) in the morning and then in the afternoon played Norwood District High School.

Unfortunately, two of the junior team starters failed to make the bus for the trip and weren't available to play. As coach Gord Cochrane has told his team all season: Actions result in consequences. For those two players, the consequences will likely be that they won't be starting for the next couple of games, since they let down their teammates.

In the first game, TASS won, 42-18. The Red Hawks were led in scoring by Coleman Heaven with six points. Cade Bain led the team in rebounding with four. Unfortunately, the team committed 26 turnovers. That was not a season high, but much higher than it should be.

In the second game, the Red Hawks beat Norwood, 42-29. The team only committed 16 turnovers

and that helped their cause a great deal. The score at the end of the first quarter was 11-9 in favour of the Red Hawks. Then it was 22-21 at half time with HHSS in the lead. The Red Hawks switched to a man-to-man defence from a zone defence in the second half, resulting in a 32-29 lead after three quarters and outscored their opponent 10-0 in the fourth quarter. Coach Cochrane was particularly proud of the team in the fourth quarter because many of the players passed up open three-point attempts in order to work the ball to teammates to get better shots, who were closer to the basket. That ball movement resulted in Ben Livingstone and Colby Lambshead each scoring on two 15-foot jump shots in the fourth quarter, powering the Red Hawks to the victory. This commitment to teamwork, along with very good defence, resulted in the first win of the season for the junior team. They were led in scoring by Bain with 10 points. Livingstone and Lambshead followed in scoring with six each. Bain also led the team

in rebounding with eight, followed by Heaven with five. Caden Little played his best game of the year, scoring four points and garnering three rebounds. During that fourth quarter, Tevin Sullivan also stole the ball and raced down court to score a left-handed layup. Coach Cochrane has been encouraging the players to use their left hand and Sullivan did that. The team has been working on jump shots a lot this season and it is paying off.

The Red Hawks junior basketball team now has a season record of 1-3, and hopes to improve on that record in 2017. Their first games in 2017 will be on Tuesday, Jan. 10, against LCVI at home (the senior team plays at 3 p.m. and the junior team plays at 4:15); Wednesday, Jan. 11, against St. Thomas Aquinas away; and Thursday, Jan. 12, hosting Brock High School (a junior game only starting at 3 p.m.). Come on out and watch the Red Hawks basketball teams play. They are a hard working competitive group of young men.

Submitted by Gord Cochrane



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Novice Storm strike for title in the Mineral Cup

On Tuesday, Dec. 22, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm Novice team travelled to Bancroft to compete in the Mineral Cup novice tournament. The Storm faced the home team, the Bancroft Jets, in the opening game. The Storm came out hard and played a very strong offensive game capitalizing on turnover opportunities as a result of defensive pressure. Excellent skating and puck control allowed the Storm to keep the puck in Bancroft's end resulting in seven goals and the first win of the day. Excellent goaltending by Chase Winder sealed the deal for the Storm. The Storm came out on top 7-1.

Looking to keep their winning streak alive, game two of the tournament had the Storm face off against the Stirling Blues. This game was a battle from start to finish. The Storm had great positional play and excellent skating that led to a few scoring chances early with no success. The Storm found themselves down by one heading into the second period. The Storm continued to battle for the puck and created some turnover opportunities finally resulting in a goal by Brechin Johnston, an assist

by McLean Rowden and putting the Storm on the scoreboard. However, it was not to be for the Storm. It was a great game, with the score not reflecting the effort and speed, but the Storm dropped this one 4-1 to the Blues.

Earning themselves a trip to the B finals, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team were determined to end their day on top. The Storm faced the Barry's Bay Valley Storm in the finals and dominated play from start to finish. Excellent defensive play kept the Valley Storm from generating any offensive pressure and the Storm capitalized on key scoring opportunities. With the final buzzer of the game, the Storm were on top 5-0 and were the B champions. Way to go, Storm! Congratulations to all players on an excellent day of hockey. The Highland Storm novice team is back in action on Jan. 2 when they travel to Huntsville for an exhibition game against the Otters.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Red Hawks tie Saints on road

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending Dec. 23.

The Red Hawks hockey team had a solid outing as they tied the league-leading St. Peter's Saints 3-3 on Tuesday, Dec. 20 in Peterborough. Forward Josh Boice led the way with two goals and an assist in this tremendous effort by the team.

Falls - splitting games with Brock, Fenelon, LCVI, Weldon, and defeating St. Thomas.

Hawks B-ball team outlasts Campbellford

Congratulations to the senior boys' basketball team on excellent play in Peterborough. The team defeated Campbellford 47-42 and lost a very competitive, close game to Port Hope 53-43.

Submitted by Judi Paul

Sr Hawks spike down second place

Congratulations go out to the senior girls' volleyball team on their second place finish at the tournament in Fenelon

2016 Year in Review

January

Carjacking leaves shock in its wake

A man made off with a woman's car on Monday, Jan. 4 after threatening her with a knife. The woman, an employee at Foodland in Haliburton, had been sitting in her car in the store's parking lot at 7 p.m. when a man ordered her to get out of the car and run. He and another man were caught by police not long after in Bobcaygeon.

Brine leak cuts curling club's season short

On Christmas Eve of 2015, the Wilberforce Curling Club had to close its doors when a brine leak was discovered that could not be fixed. Darrell McQuigge, then vice president of the club, said the season would not restart in January as it would take some time to raise the money and replace the equipment.

Grants roll in for area projects

Two local not-for-profits and the Municipality of Highlands East received substantial funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The arts council received \$528,000 over three years for the rural performing arts network, SPARC. Highlands East received \$150,000 for ice making equipment for the curling club in Wilberforce. And SIRCH Community Services received \$74,400 for a pilot project teaching adults how to upcycle and refurbish used furniture.

Food bank opens in Wilberforce

The Wilberforce Food Bank opened its new location on Jan. 6 at 2249 Loop Rd., at the back of the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre. Donations came in steadily to the newly constructed addition, said food bank manager Ken Mott.

Man killed in snowmobile crash

A 51-year-old Tillsonburg man died after his snowmobile collided with a pickup truck at the intersection of the Rail Trail and Francis Road in Gelert. The driver and passenger in the truck were uninjured. The man's identity was not released on request of his family.



The Haliburton Wolves goaltender Motoki Watanabe catches the puck during a Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League game against the North Division best Muskoka Shield on Thursday, Jan. 7 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Haliburton lost 6-3. The Wolves had a tough year, eventually folding. /DARREN LUM Staff

Highlands East man dies in snowmobile accident

Thomas Rivers was recovered by the OPP on Jan. 30 in Dark Lake after his snowmobile went through the ice the night before. According to police, Rivers was traveling with three other people on two snowmobiles when the machines broke through the ice just before midnight. Police were able to find three of the four snowmobilers, but when they found Rivers he was deceased.

found the barn fully engulfed. The cause of the fire wasn't known.

Hank DeBruin ends Yukon Quest run

For the first time since he became a musher, Hank DeBruin decided to withdraw from a race. On Feb. 12, it was announced that he would not finish the 1,000-mile dogsled race. He decided to scratch for the health and morale of his team, a release from Yukon Quest said.

Hydro arrears trouble council

Haliburton County residents generated 20 per cent of requests for financial assistance from the Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton Housing Help Centre. In a report to county council on Feb. 17, the CEO of the corporation said the requests came from those who are homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless. There were almost 2,000 requests during the year.

College campus changes name

Haliburton School of the Arts officially became Haliburton School of Art and Design to reflect the school's evolution over the years. The marketing team at the college also reimagined the logo, creating a red H reminiscent of the front doors of the building. In recent years,

February

Eagle Lake barn burns to the ground

Several dogs perished in a barn fire in Eagle Lake on Feb. 9. Erin Nicholls, who owned the dogs, was only able to save three of the seven dogs.

Dysart firefighters got the call around 11 a.m. and

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There were big crowds out for the annual Spring Splash at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride on Saturday, March 26 at Eagle Lake. On the same day Sir Sam's also held its annual Easter Egg Hunt, 50/50 Rubber Ducky Race (with 50 per cent to charity and 50 to winner), and ended with a dinner and dance with local singer Carl Dixon. Sir Sam's marked 50 years in business in 2016. / DARREN LUM Staff

HSAD created new design programs including integrated design, graphic design, moving image design and digital image design.

Township improves park

With \$50,000 from the Canada 150 Project grant and \$50,000 of its own, the Municipality of Dysart et al committed early in 2016 to sprucing up Rotary Beach, the northernmost part of Head Lake Park. The project included new signage, solar-powered bollard lights for the walking path, a sprinkler system for aerating the water at the beach and outdoor exercise equipment.

Sir Sam's Ski and Ride turns 50

The Eagle Lake ski hill marked five decades in business throughout 2016, but especially in February when it held its Golden Gala. The business had food, music and

fireworks during the special party.

Teacher and two students in accident

Three members of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were involved in a serious car accident on Thursday, Feb. 25. On their way to an OFSAA Nordic ski competition in Collingwood, their car collided with another vehicle. As a result of the collision, the two students – Brynn Meyers and Christine Bishop – had minor injuries and teacher Jennifer Paton was sent to hospital in Toronto with serious injuries. Paton made an amazing recovery throughout the year with the support of her family and community.

Joanne Barnes named Highlander of the Year

Fuel for Warmth and the woman who founded it received a thank-you at the chamber of commerce's Business and Community Achievement Awards. Barnes was named Highlander of the Year and Fuel for Warmth was Not-for-Profit of the Year. Many other individuals and businesses took home honours throughout the evening at Pinestone Feb. 27.

Red Hawks win COSSA silver

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys were rewarded for their years of hard work in February, when they received the silver in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship in basketball. They lost a close game to the visiting St. Paul's Falcons, who took home the gold in the championship. "It's been a pleasure and an honour working with guys who have been committed like these guys have and they're all really good young men," said head coach Dave Waito.



Haliburton Highlands Museum curator and maple syrup expert Steve Hill, left, hands out a sample to 10-year-old Evan Sahakian to try on Saturday March 12 during the kick-off to Maplefest. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Wrestlers go to provincials

On Feb. 29, three Red Hawks wrestlers headed to the provincial finals. A.J. Gillam, Sonora Plumb and Shane O'Reilly competed at OFSAA. They were part of a highly successful team, who brought home many medals during the season.

Denyer's rink wins COSSA title

Skip Alyssa Denyer was proud of her team for earning its first COSSA title and first OFSAA berth. The team of Tori Hawley, Alanna Casper, Emily Parish also won the Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Provincial Championships in February.

Boys' hockey team goes to COSSA

The Red Hawks hockey team made it to the Central Ontario Secondary School Association championships in March. Unfortunately, the boys were knocked out of contention for a berth to provincials after being eliminated by Centennial. Coach Ron Yake said the team played "with 100 per cent effort."

March

Pinestone owners buy Wigamog

The Aurora Hotel Group announced that it had purchased the historic Wigamog Inn on Kashagawigamog Lake. One of the first things the Aurora group said they wanted to do was open the Moose Bar and Grill and

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some of the hotel rooms. Wigamog has been closed for more than five years.

Haliburton Forest plans to appeal order to remove buildings

In March, the *Echo* reported on an Ontario Superior Court decision in favour of Dysart et al in a dispute between the municipality and Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. The case involved buildings and additions made without building permits, according to the court files. One of the buildings was the Logging Museum, which was regularly used for the Forest Festival. The judge ruled in February that the structures and additions were to be demolished and an injunction against hosting music events in the museum. Haliburton Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum told the *Echo* he intended to appeal the decision.

Wolves Junior A team for sale

Following the death of its owner Brad Williams, Haliburton's junior A team was up for sale, Stephane Leveault told the *Echo*. Leveault said he was general manager, though was identified as owner in the past. After the team's inaugural season filled with player resignation and difficulty winning games, finding a buyer was a long shot. Later in the year the team officially folded and has not returned for a second year.

Man wanted in child porn investigation found dead in county

A Toronto man wanted by police for possession of child porn was found dead on Telephone Bay Road in Highlands East. Darren Padilla, 47, also known as Darren Laite, was found March 7 by police. Foul play was not suspected.

Forest Festival cancelled after hostile meeting

A tense meeting on March 18 between Peter Schleifenbaum and Dysart et al council led to a declaration by the Forest's owner that the Forest Festival would be cancelled.

The decision was related to an earlier court case between the municipality and the Forest, won by the



Chris Chumbley and Hannah Klose perform in HMS Pinafore. Staged by the Highlands Little Theatre, the musical opened on Thursday, March 31 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

municipality, that ordered the destruction of buildings and additions created without proper permits.

One of the buildings was the Logging Museum, which held several of the concerts during the festival.

HHHS ends year with deficit

The finance committee of Haliburton Highlands Health Services told the board at a meeting March 31 that they were projecting a \$223,000 deficit. The shortfall was from the long-term care department, but was offset by a surplus from the hospital.

April

County to appeal to ombudsman on OPP billing

Haliburton County decided at its April 13 meeting to lodge a complaint with the Ontario ombudsman regard-

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Mrs. Wilson Stropp, played by Yvonne Morello, centre, figures out a mystery at the conclusion of *Who Murdered Who*, performed by the Loop Troupe Little Theatre on April 22 and 23 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. The hilarious play set in a wealthy residence in Maine, takes the audience on twist and turns. Actors performed under director Hilda Clark to a full house. From left, Julie Thornton as Roxy Brenner, Steve Kauffeldt as Willie Trippitt, Peter Boyer as Dr. Elliott Gravesend, Morello, Steve Thornton as Gould Trevor and Sherry Davis as Camilla Foreman. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

ing the OPP billing formula, asking the office to review the framework that came into effect in 2015, putting financial strain on the four municipalities.

Because seasonal residences qualify as households and are taxed as such for OPP costs, the four lower-tier municipalities saw their policing bills skyrocket from \$3 million to \$6 million phased in over five years.

Wayson Choy inspires audience

Celebrated Canadian author Wayson Choy spoke at the Lunch and Learn in Haliburton organized by Friends of the Library on April 13. He spoke about the writing process and challenged the audience to take risks and be an inspiration to themselves and the world. Choy is the author of *Jade Peony*, *All That Matters* and *Paper Shadows*.

Shelley Beach wins gold at TWS show

Haliburton artist Shelley Beach was awarded the Toronto Watercolour Society's gold level of distinction for being juried into 35 shows and was awarded a gold medal for Juror's Choice for best in show for her painting "Journey to Dreamer's Rock" at the TWS Aquavision Spring Show in Etobicoke.

Jaguars win provincial curling bronze

Coached by Terry Lawrence, the JDHES team of Jessica Byers, McKenzie Tidey, Lena Haas and Destiny Wilson won a bronze medal at the Tim Hortons Timbits Elementary School Championships April 7 to 9.

Trillium funds four local groups

Four local organizations received a collective \$753,600 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Rails End Gallery received \$50,100 to improve its art space; Community Living received \$29,700 to develop a plan for making classroom and outdoor space into interactive children's space; the Haliburton Curling Club was granted \$150,000 for ice maintenance equipment; and Kinark Outdoor Centre received \$523,800 to deliver training to parents of children with special needs alongside respite opportunities.

Haliburton's Rick Barnum promoted to deputy commissioner

HHSS grad of '84, Rick Barnum was promoted to deputy commissioner for investigations and organized crime with the Ontario Provincial Police. He has served for 28 years. He started his new position on April 15. He

is responsible for overseeing provincial anti-terrorism, organized crime, major crimes and international investigations. He has close to 1,500 detectives under his command.

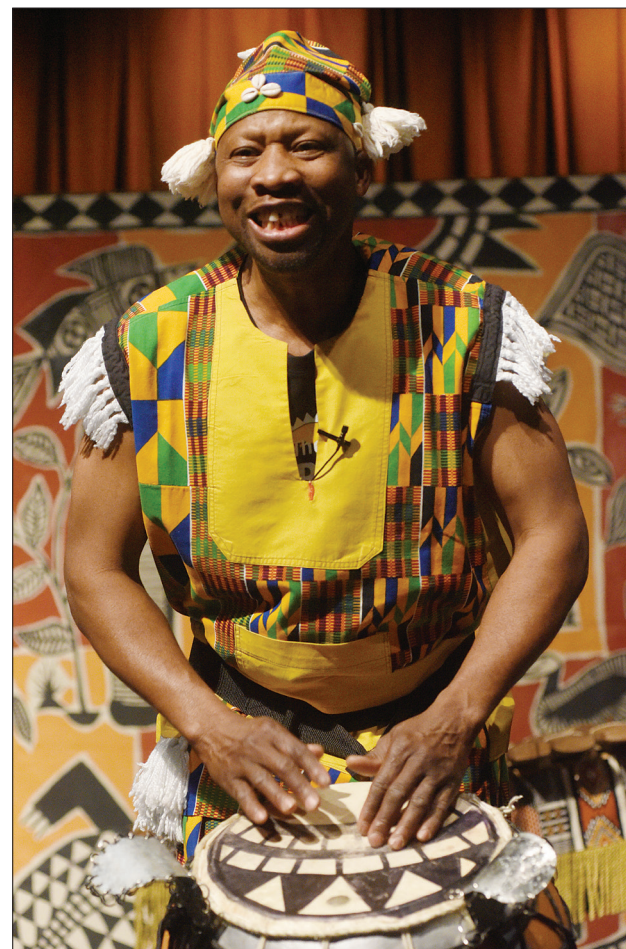
School board takes union to labour relations board

Following months of battle between Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 15, the school board went to the labour relations board.

On April 14, TLDSB sent out a release stating it asked the board to "seek a decision on whether or not the OSSTF District 15 demands are a legal negotiation position."

Canoeists drown in Eagle Lake

Cold water and a lack of personal flotation devices were factors in two men losing their lives in the waters of Eagle Lake on April 25. At around 5 p.m. that day two canoes capsized and while some made it to shore, two did not. Kajan Kalapahan and Lingavijithan Kirupanayagam of Toronto died.



West African performer Fana Soro plays a drum called a bara during a concert on Tuesday, April 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Sponsored by the Canadian Parents for French (Haliburton chapter) and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, the bilingual concert was part of a two-day visit to the area./DARREN LUM Staff

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Highlands East decides to end things with Canada Post

At their meeting on April 27, Highlands East councilors tabled a letter to Canada Post outlining their intention to end their dealership agreement in Gooderham. Council said the move would not close the post office in the hamlet, rather have it relocate to a business.

Teacher awarded for saving man's life

Lisa Malott, ski patroller at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride and teacher at SBES, was recognized for heroic actions by the Canadian Ski Patrol with the John D. Harper Lifesaving Award on April 16. Malott was on a ferry to Pelee Island when she heard a call for help after a man had collapsed. She rushed over along with two OPP officers who were on the boat and found the man had no pulse. She assisted with CPR and used the AED on the man, who was revived.

Haliburton wood carver wins at world championships

Greg Gillespie took home third place for his interpretive abstract carving at the Ward World Championships in Maryland at the end of April. A top three finish meant that Gillespie is now a "master carver." The piece was made of black walnut and featured a duck and a muskrat. Gillespie lives in Haliburton.

Badminton team wins at COSSA

The senior Red Hawks badminton team returned from the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship on April 26 with the title. The boys' doubles team of Ben Schmidt and Jaydon Wood finished in first place to win a berth to the provincials. Singles player Caleb Schmidt came in second at the tournament and girls' doubles team Jamie Little and Kennal Marsden came in fifth.

May

Human remains found near Haliburton

Seven months after David Palmer was reported missing, the Haliburton Highlands OPP ramped up their search for the 47-year-old man from Bowmanville and on May 6 found remains north of Haliburton.

Schmidt wins silver

Red Hawks singles badminton player Caleb Schmidt won a silver medal at Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships from May 5 to 7. He finished 3-3 and won his medal with a 2-0 semi-final win. He was the 2015 bronze medal winner for boys' doubles. The boys' doubles team of Ben Schmidt and Jaydon Wood finished seventh.

Duchene embraces veteran role

with Team Canada

Haliburton's Matt Duchene represented Canada at the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Moscow, Russia. He said he enjoyed being a veteran of the team. Canada won gold.

Haliburtonians help in Fort McMurray

Max Creelman, born and raised in Haliburton and living in Calgary, was one of 29 fire tech experts part of the Calgary fire department sent to battle wildfires in Fort McMurray. Residents of the Alberta city were forced to evacuate when fires spread through the province.

MacLean remembered for service, passion

Retired educator and energetic volunteer Malcolm MacLean died May 10, leaving behind a legacy of service in Haliburton. MacLean was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2013 and was a volunteer with Minden Rotary, the Minden Legion and was president of Canoe FM.

Man dies in collision near Tory Hill

Gerald Pope, 64, of Belleville was killed in a collision on Highway 118 west of Hadlington Road near Tory Hill on May 25. His car left the roadway and struck a rock cut, police said. Pope was declared dead at the scene.

School board contacts mediator after labour board ruling

The school board said it would go back to the bargaining table with OSSTF District 15 with the assistance of a mediator following a ruling from the labour relations board. Talks between the two groups broke off in February with the union declining the board's request to go to arbitration. On May 20, the labour relations board dismissed the school board's application.

Schmale supports assisted dying bill after polling constituents

Local MP Jamie Schmale supported Bill C-14, the government's assisted dying bill, in a May 31 vote. The bill passed with a majority of the vote in the House of Commons. Schmale included a ballot question in a mail-out to residents in early May asking if they wanted him to support the bill. Of the returned ballots, 76 per cent were in favour of the legislation.

Kennisis Lake fire destroys dwelling on Amber Island

The cause of a blaze that destroyed a dwelling on Amber Island on Kennisis Lake on May 31 is not known, the fire department said. Firefighters were unable to save the building, which had collapsed by the time they were able to get there. Damage was estimated at \$150,000.

Students win at Kawartha Art Gallery

Samantha Vick and Vivian Collings won the creative sense of balance and composition awards at the Kawartha Art Gallery's annual Secondary School Students Juried Exhibition in Lindsay. Samantha won with



It wasn't all smoke and mirrors at the annual Trash N Treasures held in Head Lake Park on June 18 as buyers searched for deals. Organized by Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, the event is described as Haliburton's Community Yard Sale. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

her block print piece *Lalabug* and Vivian with a grid weave drawing depicting Vimy Ridge.

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Young ballerinas Gracie Pockett, Chloe Morissette, Alexis Dacey, Emma McGregor, Ruby Andrews and Olivia Irvine dance to "Edelweiss." The ballet was part of Heritage Lights Ballet's 15th Year Extravaganza held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on June 4 and 5.
ANGELA LONG Staff

June

OPP investigate fatal fire

Bruce Harris, 76, died in a fire off County Road 21 near Jay Lake on June 11. Few details were provided to the press other than the fire was under investigation. Human remains were found in the residence. Police said cause of death was not suspicious.

Wilberforce Scotiabank to close

Scotiabank's branches in Wilberforce and Maynooth announced they would be closing as of Jan. 19, 2017, with operations consolidating in the Bancroft branch. Customers' preference for online and mobile banking have forced the company to make changes, said a representative of Scotiabank.

Students honoured at athletic banquet

The male and female athletes of the year at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were Caleb Schmidt

and Kennidal Marsden. The awards were given out at the annual banquet on June 14. The evening was an emotional one as teacher and coach Jennifer Paton took to the stage to participate in the ceremony. Paton was involved in a bad car collision earlier in the year with two student athletes. Additionally, two longtime teachers and coaches Bruce Griffith and Tim Davies retired and were given Impact Awards.

Carjacker sentenced

One of the men involved in the knife-point carjacking in Haliburton pled guilty to charges and would serve another year and three months in jail. On June 20, Dustie Upton, 51 at the time of the crime, pled guilty to robbery with a weapon, possession of a prohibited device and driving while disqualified. In October, Glenn Hie, 48, was given a six month conditional sentence after being found guilty of possession of stolen property and dangerous operation of a vehicle.

Secondary school teachers, board come to agreement

In time for commencement at the high school, teachers represented by OSSTF and Trillium Lakelands District School Board came to an agreement. In a joint release June 28, the parties confirmed a new contract was ratified. The union had said its workers wouldn't run extra curricular activities in the fall if an agreement wasn't found.

Residents recognized for saving woman's life

Barry Miscio and Joe Voicoy were recognized June 17 in a formal ceremony at the Central Region OPP Awards for their role in saving Darlene McConnell from a fire at her home near West Guilford. In December, 2014, the two men were on their way to work, driving past the Dunloe Farm when they saw smoke. They drove up to the house and heard someone inside. Although they had called 911, they were concerned McConnell wouldn't get out in time. The two men went in and were able to help her out of the house, which was destroyed by the fire.

Bark Lake rec hall, museum

reduced to rubble

Two structures on the Bark Lake Leadership Centre property burned on June 29. Firefighters worked to contain the flames, which had spread to some trees around the centre. The dormitory sustained water and smoke damage. The rec hall was razed and a museum structure was also burned. The cause of the fire was not known.

July

West Guilford honours Bill Burden

West Guilford Shopping Centre owner Bill Burden was named this year's citizen of the year at the Canada Day celebrations. Born in Newfoundland, Burden moved to the area as a teenager and has owned and operated the store since 1983.

Plummer new CEO at HHHS

With unanimous approval of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, Carolyn Plummer was appointed president and chief executive officer of the corporation. The announcement came July 7 after months of reviewing more than 40 applications. Plummer was hired as director of patient care and chief nursing executive at the end of September, 2015. She replaced Varouj Eskedjian, who left HHHS at the end of 2015.

Creative might wins the day at Ontario Library Association awards

Haliburton County Public Library's Wilberforce branch was one of the 2016 New Library Building Award winners on July 8. The ceremony was held in Oakville and HCPL CEO Bessie Sullivan said the honour was well deserved. "It's a beautiful building and very unique," she said. It was built and designed by students and faculty at Fleming College's sustainable building design and construction program. The building features straw bale construction and a living green roof above the entrance.

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Sports photos of the year



Far left, a Spring Splash competitor shows some style after successfully completing the water crossing at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride on Saturday, March 26 at Eagle Lake. On the same day Sir Sam's also held its annual Easter Egg Hunt, 50/50 Rubber Ducky Race (with 50 per cent to charity and 50 to winner), and ended with a dinner and dance with local singer Carl Dixon. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's Rebecca Archibald, left, leaps up to challenge for a ball against a Bobcaygeon Lakers player during the North Zone Girls Volleyball Tournament at the Haliburton school on Tuesday, March 29. The tournament included Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School and the Langton Trailblazers. /DARREN LUM Staff

The Red Hawks junior football player Isaac Little is tackled by a Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons defender near the sidelines after returning an interception for close to 20 yards in the HHSS home opener 32-14 loss at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton this past autumn. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks senior player Caleb Schmidt, who scored six and finished with five steals, initiates contact against Lakefield Tigers defender Chris Oosting during a Kawartha Interlock A game on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The Hawks jumped to a 14-10 lead at the half and poured it on in the second and cruised to a 54-28 win. Nick Thompson led all scorers with 16 points, followed closely by Hunter Smith, who scored 12 points. /DARREN LUM Staff

The Red Hawks senior receiver Chris Thompson stretches for a pass, thrown by quarterback Rylan Gwyn in a game against the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary Griffins on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The touchdown catch in the fourth quarter narrowed the Griffins lead to 17-14, but TASS added another and spoiled the Hawks comeback bid, winning 23-14. /DARREN LUM Staff

The Red Hawks varsity rugby player Mikayla Stinson, facing away, runs to veteran Rachel Churko following the team's historic first win in the last Kawartha High School Rugby League regular season game against Port Hope on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks beat Port Hope 42-5, winning their first game in the team's six-year history. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Wilberforce Penny Raffle organizer Kathy Rogers, left, tries to unlock a set of prizes to reveal the lucky winner at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena on July 16. The full day event offered fun for the whole family while raising money for new rubber flooring to go in the arena. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Iles replaces Maughan as fire chief

Mike Iles, service manager at Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC, replaced Miles Maughan as fire chief of the Haliburton Fire Department on July 1. Maughan retired from the department after 25 years in the role and 39 years in total working for Dysart et al.

Scotiabank VP gets an earful in Wilberforce

Scotiabank's district vice-president for central east Ontario was mocked for his scripted non-answers during a meeting with residents of Wilberforce on July 12. The bank announced it would close the branch in the hamlet and held a public meeting at the Keith Tallman Arena. The attendees expressed frustration and anger at the bank for choosing to consolidate services to Bancroft, pledging to attract another bank or credit union.

New staff sergeant at Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment

Staff Sgt. Richard Riopelle joined the local detachment in the summer, replacing Chad Bark. He said he saw policing as part of a bigger web of community services including hospitals, firefighters and the media. "Our community needs us to work together to provide those essential human services," he said.

Home Hardware proposes bigger store

The owner of Haliburton's Home Hardware, Jerry

Walker, gave council a presentation on his 20,000-square-foot building drawings for a location on County Road 21 east of Industrial Park Road. Next steps are planning studies and a site plan application.

Harcourt rider participates in world championships

Jocelyn Donaldson, 26, travelled to County Cork, Ireland, for the World Team Competitions in mounted games in July. The Canadian team competed against 16 other teams from around the world. She helped her team finish seventh in the B final.

David Mills becomes Lions governor

Local Lion David Mills became governor of Lions Club District A16 and attended the Lions Club International Conference in Japan from June 24 to 28. District A16 includes 52 clubs and 1,250 members. He will fulfill the role until July 1, 2017.

County without ambulances on multiple occasions

Eight times in the first six months of 2016 there were zero ambulances available in Haliburton County, those incidents equating to a total of 12 hours. EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones delivered the news to county council July 27. Jones told council that call volumes continue to rise and that they were up seven per cent over 2015 and 16 per cent since 2014.

August

Condo plan meets resistance at meeting

A proposal for a new condo for Haliburton Village had some neighbours asking questions about the project. At a planning meeting Aug. 2 about a dozen people came to speak to a zoning bylaw amendment on Wallings Road. The developer, Pat Dube, said the condo would be the smallest project of the three his company has built in the village. Neighbours said they were worried about traffic, noise and property values.

Total fire ban in Haliburton County

The fire chiefs of the county's four lower-tier townships met Aug. 10 and decided to issue a total fire ban for the entire municipality. Extremely dry conditions and low forecasted rain led to the ban.

Robert Bateman sells his Highlands home

During a trip to the Highlands to teach a painting class at Haliburton School of Art and Design, famed artist Robert Bateman also announced his cabin on Buckslides Road in Algonquin Highlands would be going up for sale. The Batemans had owned the cottage since 1946. The log home sold for \$800,000 according to the *Toronto Star*.

More affordable housing planned

An announcement was made at Dysart et al council on Aug. 22 by Hope Lee, CEO of the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation, that Phase 2 of the Whispering Pines complex on County Road 21 would be adding 12 family townhouses on the same property. The project depends on all levels of government and the housing corporation committing a contribution of \$150,000 and City of Kawartha Lakes has earmarked \$1 million. Lee requested the county contribute \$144,000. Construction is to start in 2018.

Gas station proposed for County Road 21

An application for a gas station and convenience store to be constructed next to Tim Hortons in Haliburton is in the works, council heard at their Aug. 22 meeting. Leo Palozzi of Sunray Developments outlined his plans. An incomplete application for a zoning bylaw amendment had been submitted, but needed a few more items. Palozzi said he was "fully committed to this site."

Company to install high-speed Internet starting in the fall

North Frontenac Telephone Company announced it would be starting work to build a fibre optic network in downtown Haliburton for the business community starting in the fall. The fibre was installed down the main street and through the Industrial Park.

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From Aug. 9 to Aug. 11, 36 students immersed themselves in Robert Bateman's, Passions and Practices course at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. His demonstration painting of a wolf on Buckslides, left, was donated to the Faculty Art Auction on Aug. 11. ANGELA LONG Staff

September

Chamber picks new manager

Autumn Smith was named the new manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. The board made the decision at its August meeting. Before being hired by the chamber, Smith worked for Moose FM. She started the post Sept. 1.

Syrian family arrives in Haliburton

The Wiso family, comprised of parents Yousef and Ghiyab and their nine children, arrived in Haliburton Village on Sept. 19. The family fled the violence of Aleppo, Syria, and had been living and working in Lebanon as refugees awaiting resettlement. The Highlands community had fundraised for a year to support the family in their move to Canada.

HHHS changes tack with ER docs

Haliburton Highlands Health Services decided to advertise directly to emergency department doctors as part of a new recruiting strategy. The decision was reached after concern was raised by chief of staff Dr. Greg Karaguesian and other staff who warned that the emergency department was losing doctors. By January,



Performer Mighty Mike chats with an audience member he brought into the circle during his crowd-captivating performance at Midnight Madness in downtown Haliburton on July 29. JENN WATT Staff

Karaguesian expected to be down to two full-time ER docs and three local physicians putting in some hours with a handful of locums from the city. The Haliburton emergency department sees more than 12,700 patients a year.

A&W, Esso to open on County Road 21

On Sept. 22, Sam Wootton, A&W restaurants manager of franchise sales for the area, confirmed that the restaurant would be constructed on County Road 21 at Soy-er's Lake Road near Pinestone Resort. Wootton said they were currently seeking a franchisee for the location and are expecting to open in spring of 2017.



Sisters Olivia Waksdale, left, and Ava Waksdale, enjoy a view from the top at the Rotary Carnival on Aug. 3. The full day event included rides for all ages. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Building official to retire

Dan Sayers, who has worked for Dysart et al for 17 years, announced at a Sept. 26 council meeting that he would be retiring in March of 2017. Sayers said it was a busy job and he was looking forward to retirement.

Racer recovering from power boat crash in Haliburton

Todd Bucknell suffered a compound fracture to the upper femur and a broken pelvis following a boat collision in August during the Haliburton Outboard Power Boat Races. The family thanked all of the doctors, nurses

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Seven-year-old Corson Rathwell from Regina, Sask., holds a bunny he named snowball at the annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair on Saturday, Aug. 6. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

and support staff in Haliburton's hospital and at Sunnybrook for their help.

Emotions run high at Gooderham post office meeting

Residents came out Sept. 26 to show their displeasure at Highlands East council's decision to discontinue offering postal services. Canada Post will be offering services through the Lucky Dollar in Gooderham, Reeve Dave Burton announced, however, many felt the contract should have stayed with the municipality. The employee working at the post office would be transferred to another municipal position.



Competitors ride down Highway 507 to start the 63rd Corduroy Enduro on Sept. 24 in Gooderham. Hundreds of riders competed in the weekend event organized by the Haliburton Trail Riders and sponsored by GP Bikes. /DARREN LUM Staff

Prettypaws vandalized again

On Sept. 28, Prettypaws Pet Boutique and Spa owner Christopher O'Mara arrived at work to find a homophobic slur painted on his shop. This was the second time in three months such an act had happened. The first incident had brought out a flood of support from the community, but the second incident troubled O'Mara more. "The second time doesn't feel like some kid with a can of spray paint," he said. "The second time it really feels like somebody's trying to make a point." OPP said if the culprit was caught, he or she would be charged with a hate crime. Cameras have been installed on the premises.

New director excited for CSS possibilities

Stephanie MacLaren is now heading up Community Support Services, a division of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. She took the position in September after doing the job on an interim basis since April. She said she is excited to strengthen the networks being created amongst health-care providers in the county.

October

Wallings Way clears zoning hurdle

Following months of public meetings, the planning committee of Dysart et al council approved a zoning change to allow a condo to be built on Walling's Road. The zoning change was then sent to council.

Dysart councillor announces resignation

Ward 2 Councillor Derek Knowles announced his resignation at the Oct. 24 meeting of Dysart et al council. Knowles sold his home and was moving out of the area. He told council he wanted to see them pursue a new skate park for youth in Haliburton.

Red Hawks field hockey wins COSSA

The HHSS girls' field hockey team defeated the North Hastings High School Huskies on Oct. 27, sending them to provincials. The final game was in the Hawks' favour 3-2 during a chilly day in Peterborough.

Arrest made in Palmer case

On Oct. 26, William Savage of Fenelon Falls was charged with first degree murder in the death of David Palmer. Palmer had been missing since 2015 and his car had been found in the Haliburton area. Then human remains near Spruce Lake were found and identified as Palmer's.

Haliburton Forest aims to revive festival

After a year-long hiatus, organizers of the annual Forest Festival announced it will return to Haliburton County in August 2017. The multi-day music event was cancelled in 2016 due to a court case involving the municipality of Dysart et al and Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, which hosts the event. The Forest said

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Dame Beatrice addresses the audience at the start of the soldout Highlands Christmas Shindig on Saturday, Nov. 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. DARREN LUM Staff

it was confident the permit issues would be cleared up in time.

Pond hockey to return in 2017

After a one-year absence, the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championship is returning to Haliburton, owner John Teljeur told the *Echo* in October. This will be the third year for Haliburton to host several hundred hockey players who will come to Pinestone Resort over two weekends for the event. Games will be played on the pond in front of the resort the weekends of Jan. 27 to 29 and Feb. 3 to 5.

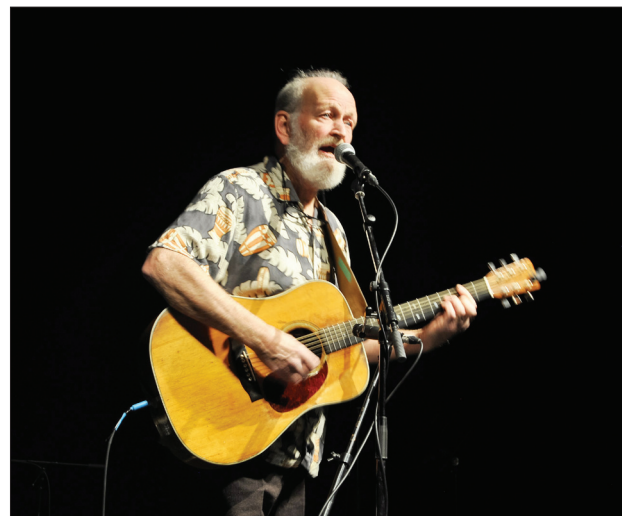
November

Pennylegion honoured for volunteerism

Haliburton resident Sean Pennylegion was announced the winner of this year's Brian Desbiens award, given out by Fleming College. Pennylegion, who gives his time to a range of activities including the folk society, Hike Haliburton, the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee and others, was nominated by Fleming staff member Wendy Ladurantaye.



Thirty-five children age five and under get into the fall spirit on Oct. 1 at the pumpkin rolling contest organized and sponsored by the Haliburton Rotary Club at Colourfest on Oct. 1. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Folk singer Valdy performs one of his many hits at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 12. The sold out concert was part of the Haliburton County Folk Society's series. The Juno award winning performer mixed in some laughs with his tunes that touch on topics such as birth, Christmas and Fort McMurray. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



The Royal Canadian Legion of Haliburton's colour party is led by its sergeant-at-arms Callum Wood down Highland Street, as part of the Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 11 in Haliburton. Hundreds attended the annual ceremony./DARREN LUM Staff

Biochar facility raises questions

A new facility planned for a property on Kennaway Road had some neighbours unsure of its potential impact. During a public meeting Nov. 7 at Dysart council chambers, about 50 people came out to hear the details of the plan by Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. The Forest is applying to amend the zoning for the property, however, its current zoning would allow a biochar facility.

Highlands East looking at ATM alternative to bank

While People Before Profits continues to investigate

options for a financial institution to replace Scotiabank in Wilberforce, the municipality looked into bank machines. CAO Shannon Hunter asked council in November if there were any municipal buildings that could house such a machine. They will continue to investigate before making a decision.

Dennis Casey appointed Ward 2 councillor

Following the resignation of Ward 2 councillor Derek Knowles, Dysart council decided to choose Dennis Casey to fill his position. Casey previously held the seat and ran in the last election to be deputy-reeve. That contest was won by Andrea Roberts, however, Casey has remained an active member of municipal life since that time. A byelection was deemed too expensive.

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Construction has started on a new palliative care wing at the Haliburton HHHS facility after a groundbreaking ceremony Dec. 2. From left are HHHS Foundation board member Lisa Tompkins, MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott, foundation chairman Peter Oyler, board member Don Popple, foundation executive director Dale Walker, Darrin Miles of Greystone Construction, Haliburton County Warden Carol Moffatt, HHHS board chairman Dave Bonham, Pat Dube of Greystone Construction and HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer.

Logan McCready-DeBruin to participate in Junior Iditarod

Seventeen-year-old Logan McCready-DeBruin signed up to race in the 150-mile dogsled race in the winter of 2017. Son of Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin of Winterdance Dogsled Tours, the teen has had plenty of experience with sled dogs. Hank has previously raced in Yukon Quest and the Iditarod.

Barrie Martin nets tourism award

Tourism advocate for Haliburton County, Barrie Martin, was given an honour in Ottawa on Nov. 22. Martin was given the Tourism Champion of the Year award at the Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence. Martin is involved in Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization, the folk society, Hike Haliburton and runs his own experiential tourism business, Yours Outdoors.

Student brings home acting honour from one-act play festival

Hannah Klose, 17, won the top acting honour at the Eastern Ontario Drama League's One-Act Festival in Perth this year. The award is called the Pauline Grant Award and is for an actress in a leading role. It was given

to her for her work as Carla in *George is Dead*, performed by the Highlands Little Theatre at the festival.

December

Construction on palliative wing begins

Construction on the new palliative care wing at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services facility in Haliburton is underway after an official groundbreaking on Dec. 2. For two and a half years, HHHS Foundation has been raising money for the project. While it has reached the \$925,000 target, the cost of the expansion is a bit bigger than expected at \$1.25 million, leaving the foundation with \$325,000 to raise. At the ceremony, Don Popple, a board member of the foundation, said he was confident the community could find the remaining dollars.

Doctor recruitment efforts continue

The HHHS board said at its Dec. 1 meeting that they had received two expressions of interest from physi-

cians who may come to work in the community. There is a shortage of doctors at the Haliburton hospital's emergency department, leading HHHS to recruit directly for doctors.

Council defers biochar recommendation

Despite receiving a recommendation from the planning committee to approve a rezoning of a property on Kennaway Road owned by Haliburton Forest, Dysart et al council decided to defer the decision at their Dec. 12 meeting pending more information. Haliburton Forest general manager Malcolm Cockwell told council there was little other information to come and that it would be a long wait until anything came from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

Youth arrested following Twitter threat to school board

A 16-year-old male from Gravenhurst was arrested and charged with mischief and uttering threats on Dec. 9 after Trillium Lakelands District School Board received a "generalized threat." The threat was made via Twitter and led the board to lock every school in the board, not letting anyone in or out. Within a couple of hours of receiving the threat, police arrested the boy.

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Looking ahead to 2017: local politicians weigh in

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

The new year is a time for reflection for many individuals and the same can be said for area politicians, who have taken the time to look back at the accomplishments of 2016, and ahead to the goals for 2017.

The past year was a fruitful one for Dysart, said Reeve Murray Fearrey, who points to land acquisitions for future development options as an achievement.

"Previously we were not in a position to entertain proposals to create jobs and the economy," he told the paper. "In 2016 we were able to keep a reasonably stable tax rate in spite of rising OPP costs, bearing in mind an already heavy burden on homeowners with hydro costs."

Another success for 2016 was the creation of public committees of council, a request Fearrey said came from the community.

"We created a new ball [diamond] facility at Glebe Park and we worked to create an interpretive shoreline restoration site working with CHA [Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations] at Sam Slick Park," he said.

Looking ahead to 2017, the reeve said Dysart will be moving ahead with a "badly needed addition to the municipal building, a skate park and improved drainage in the general area."

He also points out the community of Harcourt will get a new community centre, following the fire the destroyed the hall at the end of 2015.

The reeve also highlights some infra-

structure projects coming down the pike, such as the replacement of Paddy's Bay bridge and potential funding for the Fort Irwin bridge.

A long-term outlook for the municipality includes a revitalization of main street Haliburton that includes mixing residential units with commercial ones, said Fearrey.

"In the next five years I foresee some major tear downs and renovations happening on Highland Street. Small stores will continue to struggle and need to be replaced with combined commercial and residential units. More specialty shops supported by residential incomes to make them viable, and there will start to be an influx from waterfront retirees wanting accommodation in town," he said.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton also reflected on the past year and what was accomplished in the eastern part of the county.

He pointed to long-term financial planning, strategic planning, council visioning and committee accomplishments as some of the standouts.

Burton also named the newly created information centre, which promotes mineral collection and geocaching, as a highlight of 2016.

Looking ahead, Burton is hoping the coming year will see some of the visioning and long-term planning start to take effect.

"This will begin moulding our decision making moving forward," he told the paper. "We also have quite a few programs and procedures currently in development that we would like implemented for 2017. These include a solar installation policy, sewage inspection and maintenance

program, short-term accommodation policy and a grant system for private roads."

A five-year outlook for the reeve includes reviewing the municipality's fire department, dealing with many retirements and hopefully having high-speed Internet and cell service throughout Highlands East.

If Burton could have one wish granted by a magical genie, it would be for "residents to be safe, healthy and happy. As well as infrastructure funding to address all infrastructure needs along with sustainability."



Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton



Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey

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In ancient Japan in a cave on a mountain lives a boy with one eye named Kubo and his mother. Every day Kubo goes down to the village and regales them with the story of a samurai warrior named Hanzo, magically manipulating origami characters by playing his two-stringed shamisen. Much to the villagers' dismay, Kubo never finishes the story, as he has to rush home to his mother who has warned him to never stay out after dark lest he be found by her wicked sisters and his grandfather the Moon King take away his other eye. But one evening Kubo does stay out after dark to try and communicate with his late father during an Obon festival, and his aunts do find him. Using the last of her magic his mother saves him, but now the only way for Kubo to protect himself from the

Moon King is to find Hanzo's magic armour. With the help of a snow monkey, and a forgetful samurai-turned-beetle, Kubo sets out on his seemingly impossible quest.

Kubo and the Two Strings is a 3D stop motion animated feature produced by Laika, featuring the voices of Charlize Theron, Matthew McConaughey, George Takei, and Ralph Fiennes. It is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

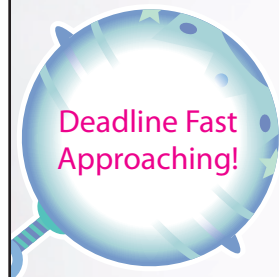


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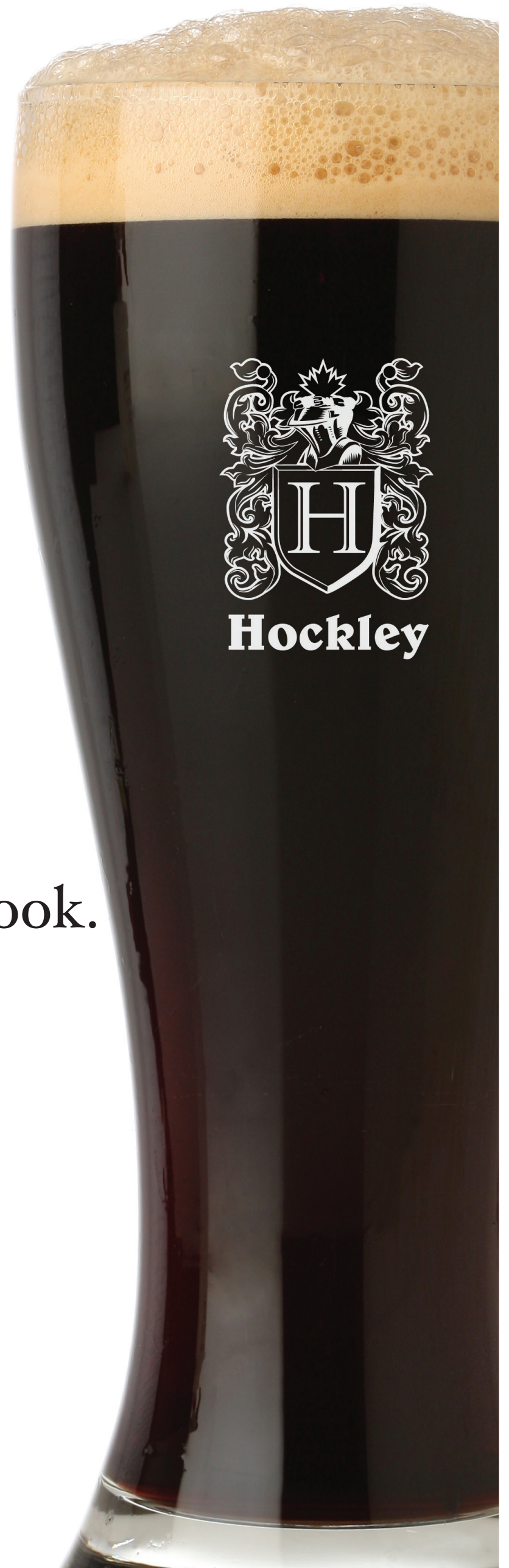
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A game of euchre

Personal support worker Kim Campbell, left, gets a high-five from her euchre partner and Highland Wood resident Barbara Cummings after winning a hand against fellow residents Ralph Young, right, and his partner, Margaret Robinson, out of frame, on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the long-term care facility in Haliburton. The foursome were squeezing in a game of euchre just before lunch./DARREN LUM Staff

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 - 5. One a day keeps the doctor away
 - 10. Extents
 - 12. Noticing
 - 14. Scriptural
 - 16. Star Trek character Laren
 - 18. "The Crow" actress __ Ling
 - 19. Not good
 - 20. Measures gold
 - 22. TV network
 - 23. Wasting
 - 25. Money in Ghana
 - 26. Young girls' association
 - 27. Title of respect
 - 28. High schoolers take this test
 - 30. Crunches federal numbers
 - 31. Wild or sweet cherry
 - 33. Celestial bodies
 - 35. Fruit of the oak tree
 - 37. Royal Navy ship during WWII
 - 38. Of cherished symbols
 - 40. Satisfy
 - 41. 5th. day (abbr.)
 - 42. Swiss river
 - 44. Royal Albert Hall (abbr.)
 - 45. Cool!
 - 48. Flat metal shelves
 - 50. Enclosed
 - 52. A way to pass
 - 53. City in Iraq
 - 55. Printing speed measurement
 - 56. Twitch
 - 57. Indicates position
 - 58. Made lawful
 - 63. Took down
 - 65. A way to travel on skis
 - 66. North winds
 - 67. Tunisian metropolis
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Seafood
 - 2. Incan god of mountains
 - 3. Ritzy LA neighborhood __ Air
 - 4. Line that connect points of equal pressure
 - 5. Audience-only remarks
 - 6. Chest muscle (slang)
 - 7. Pointed top
 - 8. Lavender
 - 9. Linear unit
 - 10. Knives
 - 11. 2016 World Series champs
 - 13. A way to arrange
 - 15. Talk
 - 17. Serving no purpose
 - 18. Container
 - 21. Breathes new life into
 - 23. Beloved dog Rin Tin __
 - 24. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
 - 27. Yemen capital
 - 29. Sacred book of Judaism
 - 32. Make a mistake
 - 34. Wrestlers wrestle here
 - 35. Respiratory issue
 - 36. In league
 - 39. Resinous insect secretion
 - 40. Unhappy
 - 43. Turbulent area of a river
 - 44. Neglectful
 - 46. Sours
 - 47. Calendar month (abbr.)
 - 49. Grooves
 - 51. Sony Pictures Television
 - 54. Monetary units
 - 59. Command right
 - 60. 1,000 cubic feet
 - 61. Expression of triumph
 - 62. Dinner jacket
 - 64. The first two
- Answers on page 26.



Highland Wood resident Margaret Robinson laughs while playing euchre on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the long-term care facility in Haliburton. Robinson was partnered with fellow resident Ralph Young and were playing against the team of personal support worker Kim Campbell and resident Barbara Cummings.



Highland Wood resident Ralph Young takes a break from playing euchre on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the long-term care facility in Haliburton. Young was partnered with fellow resident Margaret Robinson.



Palliative construction begins

Construction for Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre has begun and was in the early stages of work on Tuesday, Dec. 20. The centre features two rooms – a sitting room and a quiet room – and direct access via corridor from the emergency room entrance. It is scheduled to be completed this coming May./DARREN LUM Staff

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Contact: Andrea Mueller, amueller@dysartetal.ca, 705.457.1740 x. 35

www.dysartetal.ca

Dysart's Sesquicentennial Trivia Night

When: Saturday, January 7, 8:00 – 11:00pm

Where: Haliburton Curling Club, 730 Mountain Street

Test your trivia skills and take part in this special trivia night hosted by local quizmasters Justin and Sue Tiffin. Put together a team and compete for prizes (and bragging rights). If you don't have a team come along and we'll get you one.

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United Church Community Curling Bonspiel & Pot Luck Dinner

When: Sunday January 8 Curling, 1:00pm, Pot Luck Dinner 5:30pm

Where: Minden Curling Club, 50 Prentice St., Minden.

Enjoy an afternoon of 16 teams fun curling, individual entries, no curling experience necessary.

Cost: \$12 for Adults & \$6 under 21. Curlers & interested spectators bring a pot luck dish for dinner.

Contact: Don 705-286-1305 to sign up.

Full Moon Series: Moon Yoga

When: Thursday, January 12, 7:00-8:30pm

Where: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton

Come and join Lynda Shadbolt of Haliburton Yoga from 7:00pm-8:30pm to celebrate the full moon by moving to some fun music. The class will be playful and easy, ending in a lovely meditation.

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Razzamataz Kids Shows

When: Sunday January 15, 2017, 2:00pm

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

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Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Thursday, January 19th, 2017, 1:30 pm

Where: Haliburton Museum

Speaker: Kim Emmerson

Topic: Canada 150 and Dysart 150 - Movie with Music and Sound, confirmed

Hearty congrats to Scotty Morrison

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Everyone who knows Ian Morrison (Scotty to his wide acquaintanceship) is so proud of his most recent Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. Congratulations from West Guilford for the recognition above and beyond all duty and making such a difference by volunteering throughout his life, before and following retirement.

It always surprises me that the recipients of high award maintain the simple ordinary demeanor, behaving as though they'd done nothing to be awarded something significant and special. His family must be enormously proud of Haliburton's Scotty.

On another note, we are all who knew Aldyth Bishop, so sad at her passing on Dec. 26. Her funeral

on Dec. 30 saw the pews at St. George's full to overflowing, so many were the friends and relatives who wished to pay tribute to this fine lady. Our sympathy goes from the heart to her husband, Curry Bishop and the family; Shirley, Debbie and Greg and extends to each of their families. When the service was ending the choir was joined by Aldyth's niece, Leslie Chumbley and Christopher Chumbley from the congregation since they are part of St. George's choir.

On an equally sad note, Aldyth's brother-in-law, Rick Poole, died on that day. His wife is Earle Sisson's twin, Eleanor, and certainly our hearts go out to her and that family.

However, life has its ups as well as downs, so attention is paid to Earle and Louise Sisson on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, Dec. 30, 2016, as we offer our congratulations to them from their wide family connection as well as from their many friends who wish them well.

Now, for the last euchre report of the year.

Dec. 20: high – Tina Hadley and Henk van Nood; low – Gerald Hadley and Kay Morrison; most lone hands – Shirley McDowell and Ray Campbell. Next euchre is Jan. 10 at the Centre at 7 p.m.

Wilberforce filled with holiday cheer

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
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With Christmas Day celebrated over a week ago it seems strange that school students and staff are just now into their second week of vacation. Can't remember when almost all of the Christmas vacation was after the big day.

There certainly is plenty of snow for kids to get out the toboggans or skis for some fun in the great white north.

As anticipated the free community Christmas dinner at the Lloyd Watson Centre was a delicious one. The smiling faces at this special meal were not only on the diners. Volunteers that prepared, served and tended to the many tasks that made this meal so special were a happy lot as well. Hearty appreciation is extended to all involved in this very welcome venture.

Though the meal was free thanks to organizers Lynn Binskin and Hazel and Digger Lanois of the Kawartha Biker Church, many did contribute food or money to the Food Bank. Many were there as much for the fellowship as for the food and were very thankful for both.

Though it is over two weeks since the families and friends of the students and staff of the Wilberforce School were welcomed to the 2016 Christmas Concert it deserves a review of how each class in turn entertained from the Lloyd Watson stage.

The Grade 4/5 class led by Mrs. Bowker had certainly been learning much about spreading kindness throughout the world. In their presentation they spoke and sang about their hope that no one should be hungry or without shelter and warmth.

Mrs. Davies had the Grade 5/6 class dance with vigor and skill. They then lit up the set with Light Of Christmas.

The Grade 7/8 class of Ms. Dudman's play which was entitled *What, No Santa?* was well played and with an ending that surprised.

French classes led by Mr. Schelter sang *Vive le Vent et Quand le Pere Noel* in French.

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Adopt Procedural By-law

The council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East will give consideration to adopt the Municipality's Procedural By-law. The Procedural By-law governs the proceedings of Council and its committees, the conduct of its members and the callings of meetings.

Consideration to adoption of a Procedural By-law will be given at the meeting of Council scheduled to be held as follows:

Date: Monday, January 23, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Council Chambers, 1101 Holmes Road, Wilberforce.

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Echoes from the Past & Times gone by

Attendance at meeting low

An invitation was sent to all parents and those interested in Minor Hockey notifying them of a meeting to be held Thursday April 25 in the Haliburton Arena. Unfortunately, only eight people showed up.

The Minor Hockey program, with its present scope, requires year around attention but not necessarily year around intensive involvement.

Presently, the load has

been falling on very few people who are no longer willing to shoulder the whole responsibility but would be more than willing to lend a helping hand if there was a more even distribution of the workload.

However, this apparent lack of interest makes it possible that the present minor hockey program will not be extended but curtailed seriously next year.

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Some students of Minden's Archie Stouffer Public School saw firewood for maple syrup

production, while others gather sap and tend the evaporator pan.

Father, son and daughter banquet held

The Haliburton Rotary Club's first Father, Son and Daughter Banquet was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Thursday night last and what a roaring success it was. Well over 100 Rotarians with their sons and daughters packed the Legion Hall for a night of fun and entertainment.

Following a delicious Turkey supper served by the ladies of the legion everyone joined in on a lively sing song led by Frank McIntyre with Ray Jenkin-

son at the piano.

Our our Ron Stackhouse with the Pittsburgh Penguins of the N.H.L. was one of the head table guests spoke briefly to the large audience. In his remarks he mentioned the trade that sent him from Detroit to Pittsburgh and went on to say that playing in the National Hockey League affords a player the opportunity to travel a great deal and see a large part of the country. When asked the question who will win the Stanley Cup? Ron Replied "It's up for grabs." In

thanking Ron for taking the time out to attend the banquet we think that Jim Scheffee summed it up very well when he said that we are proud of Ron, being the only player from Haliburton County to ever make the National Hockey League.

On hand for the occasion was that great magician from Fenelon Falls, the one and only Garnet Graham who thrilled the boys and girls with his wide variety of tricks. Among the many things he presented was his famous Yip Stix trick and

following his performance he sold most of the children one of them. It's a project of the Fenelon Falls Rotary Club. A collection of pictures put out by Confederation Life was auctioned off with the proceeds going to the local Rotary Club, the winner was Jack Brohm.

Toronto brass quartet coming to Haliburton

On Thursday, May 16, The brass quartet of The Toronto Symphony Orchestra is coming to Haliburton.

The women of Eagle Lake have a personal interest in this quartet, and it is through their efforts that this fine group is coming to the Highlands.

In the afternoon, there will be a concert in the high school, for all the students. Buses will bring Grade 7 and 8 students from Minden.

These concerts have been given in Toronto schools for the past few years, the audience is invited to

participate and many youngsters have experienced an awakening interest in these instruments.

The concert in the evening is scheduled for eight o'clock, and it is hoped that many people in the Haliburton Highlands will avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing and hearing this group, representing The Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Please remember, Thursday, May 16, 8 P.M. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Sponsored by the Eagle Lake Womens' Association.

Sewage program changed

There has been a change in the private sewage disposal program for Victoria, Haliburton, Peterborough and Northumberland counties.

The medical officer of health said delay in distribution of inspection services due to the new legislation is regretted.

Play planned

The Glee Club of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is a talented, enthusiastic group of students who work especially hard to bring us, each year, a fine musical presentation.

The presentation this year will be "The Emerald Isle", a light, humorous musical play which can be enjoyed by everyone.

If you are disenchanted with the usual T.V. programs and would enjoy an evening of light hearted entertainment in the old-fashioned sense, now is your chance.

Dr. Edwards said application forms should be available at all health unit offices on Monday (April 29), or as soon as received from the Ministry of Environmental Resources.

RCAF Band reunion planned

The RCAF Bands Reunion Committee 1365 De Carillon St., St. Bruno, Quebec are planning a reunion of RCAF overseas bandmen in World War two at Wig-A-Mog Inn, Haliburton this summer.

Carl L. Friberg of the committee has sent a letter to fellow musicians and has asked the media to give it wide-spread coverage in helping to locate former bandmen. Here is his letter.

It will be 33 years on 7th Dec, '74 since the first overseas band left for duties in Gander Newfoundland.

After nine months in Gander, we returned to Montreal to become the No. 3 Training Command Band of Montreal, stationed at Lachine, Quebec. Those who served in Gander and those who joined later in Montreal formed a lasting comradeship which has lasted through the years. It is these musicians who have invited members of other bands I commanded to join us and our families for a real RCAF wingding.

"The last reunion of these two wartime airforce bands was held in Peterborough on

January 15, 16, 1972. At that time it was proposed that the next reunion should take place within a couple of years, preferably during the warm weather season. Following recent discussions with various band members, with regard to suitability for the most acceptable dates. It has been decided that the next reunion will take place on the weekend of 22-23 June, 1974, at Camp Wig-A-Mog, Haliburton, Ontario (including wives, and your family).

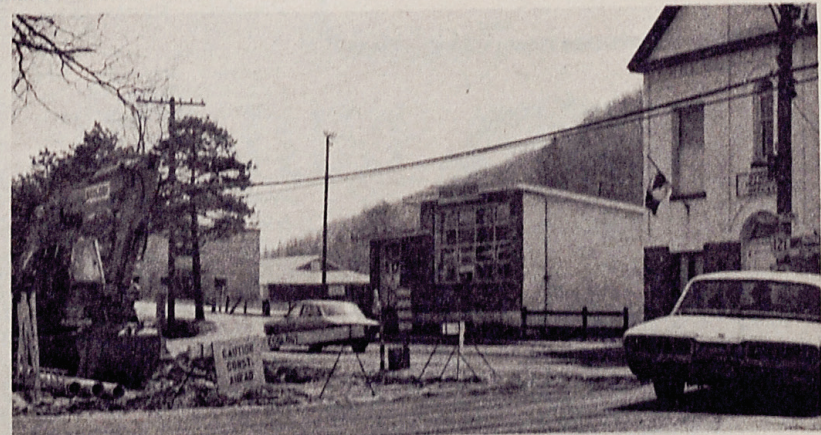


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Sanitary Sewer Construction continues in the village of Haliburton and they are moving along at a great rate of speed doing the streets in the main core of the village. One of the large pieces of equipment owned by Ecology the Construction firm who are putting in the sewers is shown working at the corner of Maple Ave. and Mountain street just across from the municipal offices.

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Margo, Natasha and Marbeth for always being available to help us if Judy was unable to get out to see you.
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The Ladies from the Wednesday Morning Prayer group. Your faithful prayers for each of us and this community is wonderful.
The Haliburton Medical Supply, a great place with everything you need to care for someone. Tara you were always very caring, knowledgeable and helpful.
The Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Dwaine and Lorie thank you for your warmth and care for both Judy and us. It made our task so much easier.

Susan and I are so thankful we live in Haliburton, where people care about each other.

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Passed away peacefully
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on Thursday, December 15, 2016
at the age of 73.

Beloved partner of
Jeanette Lindsay.
Loving father of Cory
and Cindy McDonald (Paul).
Much loved grandfather to
Liam and Brayden.

Dear brother of the late
Laverne (Eileen),
the late Irene Bailey (Cec),
the late Royce (Elke),
Pearl Kernohan (Ivan),
the late Irwin (Thelma),
the late Jim (Eleanor),
the late Thelma Tough (Gord),
Carol Bradimore (the late Richard),
Sherman (Betty Ann)
and Gladys Norris (Chris).

Predeceased by his
sister in-laws, Iva and Ila.
Also lovingly remembered
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A Graveside Service will be held at St.
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In Loving Memory of **Aldyth Donald Bishop (nee Sisson)**

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Monday, December 26, 2016. In her 85th year.

Beloved wife of H. Curry Bishop for 63 years. Dear mother of Deb, Shirley and Bernie, Greg and Sandra. Loving grandma of Andrea, Brett, Courtney, Logan, Brianne, Britney, Brailey, Brodie, Chris, Mallory and great grandma to Jackson, Matthew, Emmerson, Rynne, Taylor, Hudson, Gracie, Gibson, Jordyn, Ellie, Mason and Kenzie. Dear sister of Earle (Louise), Eleanor (Rick) and predeceased by Helen, Bernard, Iris, Erma, Byron and Blaine. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain St., Haliburton on Friday, December 30, 2016 from 10:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Aldyth's Life at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of **David Albert Crego**

Passed away suddenly at home on Friday, December 30, 2016, at the age of 60.

Loving husband of Nancy for 35 years. Beloved brother of Paul, Cindy, Lynn, Donna (Chris), Tony (Kathy), Ruth, Gerald (Andrea). Predeceased by his parents Gerry and Verna Crego. Son-in-law of Evelyne Woodcock. Fondly remembered by his sister-in-law Julie and Jim Allen, his brother-in-law Blake and Gail Cameron and by his family, friends and neighbours. Dave will forever be missed by his best friends Shawn and Charlene Silver and by his pair of Jacks; Lulu and Ruby.

In keeping with Dave's wishes, cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Highland Storm Minor Hockey would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.



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Judith 'Judy' Mitchell (nee Brown) (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at home on Sunday morning, December 18, 2016 in her 71st year. Loving mother of Melissa (Gerry) and Jessica (Jon). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Noah and Henry. Dear sister of Edward Brown.

Judy was a wonderful Mom, friend and teacher. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and students whose lives she had a great influence on.

Private Family Gathering

A private family gathering will take place. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Roland 'Rolly' Letourneau (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Sunday morning, December 18, 2016 in his 81st year. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy "Dot" Letourneau (nee Shaw) and loving companion of Karla Landsperger. Cherished father of Linda (Shane Sisson) and Laura (Chris Black). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Amanda, Kristen, Ryan and by his great grandchildren Matthew, Mason, Rylan, Katelyn and Anderson. Rolly owned and operated Skyline Automotive in Haliburton for many years. He enjoyed traveling, hunting, woodworking and most of all his family.

Private Graveside Service

At Rolly's request, cremation has taken place. A private graveside service will take place at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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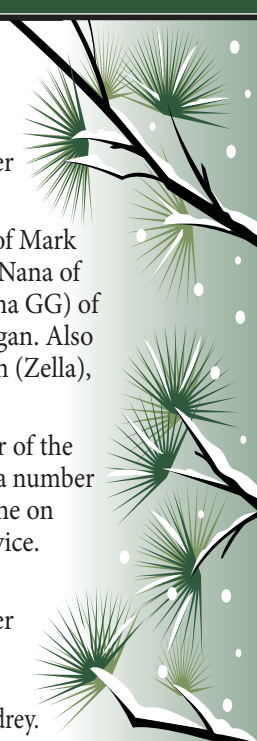
of St. Andrews Terrace, Cambridge and formerly of Aylmer and Ingoldsby Haliburton County

Passed away peacefully at her residence with her family by her side, on Tuesday December 27, 2016 in her 90th year.

Beloved wife of E. Stanley Savage for 69 years. Dear Mother of Mark Savage of Kitchener and Paul Savage (Nancy) of Ayr. Loving Nana of Laura, Kyle (Stephenie) and Jessica. Great-grandmother (Nana GG) of Logan, Sienna and Rex. Predeceased by a granddaughter Megan. Also survived by a sister Jean Balcom and brother Murray Johnson (Zella), Grant (deceased).

Born in Malahide Township on December 11, 1927, daughter of the late Walter and Ruby B. (Summer) Johnson. Also survived by a number of nieces and nephews. Visitation was at Kebbel Funeral Home on Monday Jan 2, 2016 from 1 - 4 pm. There was no formal service. Cremation has taken place.

"Her greatest joy was her family, Audrey would often spoil her family and friends with fresh bread, pies and cookies." Share memories or condolences at kebbelfuneralhome.com. Special thanks to St. Andrews Terrace for the care you gave to Audrey.



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